



University of Lynchburg

## Westover Alumni Weekend

### April 17-19, 2026

Classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976\*, and 1981\* are in reunion.

\*Classes of 1976 & 1981 have elected to celebrate in the fall during Homecoming, but are still welcome to attend Westover Weekend.

[Register here!](#)

Hornet Shop Hours:

Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For questions or to help plan, please email [alumni@lynchburg.edu](mailto:alumni@lynchburg.edu)

**Friday, April 17**

Time	Topic
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	<b>Daura Museum of Art</b>  Unfortunately, the main galleries are closed while they are changing exhibits. You are welcome to view the student, Student Juried Exhibition and the Student Scholar Showcase in the Lobby Gallery.

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Noon – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Registration</b> <i>Outside of West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  If able please check-in at registration. If you are arriving on campus after registration closes, please know there will be a check-in at each event. There will also be registration on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Noon – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Reunion Space</b> <i>Foyer, West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  The Foyer of the West Room will be available for anyone wanting to gather with friends in a space on campus. There is no formal programming here during this time.
3 – 4 p.m.	<b>State of the University</b> <i>West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  Please join Price Jett, vice president of finance & operations services, chief financial officer, and Daniel Hall, vice president & chief of staff for updates about the accreditation, financial status, new programs and other updates.
4– 6 p.m.	<b>Academic Awards Mixer</b> <i>Balcony, Hall Campus Center</i>  Join us on the balcony of Hall Campus Center to celebrate the student winners of the Academic Awards with their families, professors, and alumni. All are welcome. Light appetizers will be served with a cash bar.
4:30 – 7 p.m.	<b>Dinner in the Cafe</b> <i>Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center</i>  Go through the line, enjoy the cafeteria and see how it's changed since you were a student. Pay \$11 at the door.
6 – 8 p.m.	<b>Academic Awards Ceremony</b> <i>Memorial Ballroom, Hall Campus Center</i>  Watch current students receive Academic Awards in the Memorial Ballroom. Note, there will not be food at this event.

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6 – 9:30 p.m.

**Welcome Home - Westover Society Reception**

*West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center*

Join us in the West Room in Drysdale Student Center for heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. All classes are welcome to join, especially 1971 who is celebrating their 55th Reunion. \$30 per person.

[Advanced registration required.](#)

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## Saturday, April 18

Time	Topic
8 – 10 a.m.	<b>Registration</b> <i>Outside of the West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  If able, please check in at registration. If you are arriving on campus after registration closes, please know there will be a check-in at each event.
All day	<b>Reunion Space</b> <i>Foyer of West Room, East Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  The Foyer of the West Room will be available for anyone wanting to gather with friends in a space on campus. There is no formal programming here during this time.

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9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**The Apollo Program: The Missions, the Men, and the Machines**  
**presented by Robert Lipscomb '89**  
*West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center*

Following President Kennedy's statement to a joint session of Congress in May 1961, NASA and the nation began the long process of landing a man on the moon by the end of the decade. On July 20, 1969, this goal was met with the successful landing of Apollo 11's Eagle at Tranquility Base. Although Apollo 11 is the best-known of the Apollo-era space missions, NASA conducted 14 other flights that included five additional moon landings, a manned space station, and the first-ever joint USA and Soviet Union space flight. This presentation will review the missions, the men, and the machines that made this program one of history's most extraordinary accomplishments.

Robert Lipscomb is a 1989 graduate of Lynchburg College (now the University of Lynchburg) with a degree in education. He pursued a career in public safety and retired in January 2023. A lifelong student of history, Lipscomb has pursued this interest professionally and personally, authoring a book on the history of the Lynchburg Fire Department and documenting its line-of-duty deaths. He enjoys restoring antique automobiles, researching family genealogy, and building scale models. He currently serves on local nonprofit boards and advisory committees, including the LIFE@Lynchburg Curriculum Committee.

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10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Brunch in the Cafe**  
*Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center*

Go through the line, enjoy the cafeteria and see how it's changed since you were a student. Pay \$11.50 at the door. If you'd prefer we have the East Room reserved for you to dine in.

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11:30 a.m.

**Service of Remembrance**  
*West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center*

Interfaith Chaplain Jer Bryant '03, '10 MA, will conduct a short remembrance service for Westover Society members who have passed. There will be a time to share any fond memories of the deceased if you'd like to participate.

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Noon – 4 p.m.	<b>Daura Museum of Art</b>  Unfortunately, the main galleries are closed while they are changing exhibits. You are welcome to view the student Student Juried Exhibition and the Student Scholar Showcase in the Lobby Gallery.
1 – 2 p.m.	<b>Student Research Presentations</b> <i>West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>
2 – 3 p.m.	<b>Presentation by Larry Miller '71</b> <i>West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  Join us to hear from Larry Miller '71 about his adventure into becoming an author.
3:15	<b>Class Photos</b> <i>West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  If you are in a reunion year (1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, and 1981) please join us for your class photo. Alumni from other classes are also welcome to join for any other group photos.
4 – 5 p.m.	<b>Percy Wootton Research Center &amp; Owen Cardwell Center for Leadership Dedication</b> <i>West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i>  Please join us for a ceremony honoring the newly named Percy Wootton Research Center, in honor of Dr. Percy Wootton '53, as well as the Owen Cardwell Center for Leadership in memory of Dr. Owen C. Cardwell Jr.
4:30 – 7 p.m.	<b>Dinner in the Cafe</b> <i>Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center</i>  Go through the line and enjoy the cafeteria and see how it's changed since you were a student. Pay at \$11 at the door.

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5 – 6 p.m.	<b>Hornet Reception</b> <i>Balcony, Hall Campus Center</i>
	Join us for a cash bar to mingle with classmates and friends! Come get a drink before the Alumni Awards & Westover Society Dinner if you arrive early!
6 – 8:30 p.m.	<b>Alumni Awards &amp; Westover Society Dinner</b> <i>Memorial Ballroom, Hall Campus Center</i>
	Join us to reminisce and celebrate alumni and friends receiving an alumni award. The ceremony and dinner will be held in the Memorial Ballroom in Hall Campus Center. All are welcome to join. \$45 per person. <a href="#"><u>Please register by April 5, 2026</u></a> . Award recipients include:
	<b>T. Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award</b> Dr. Oneal C. Sandidge '78
	<b>Distinguished Alumni Award</b> Dr. Tanmay Acharia '24 DMSc Mr. Thomas L. Cassidy '73 Mrs. Shawn C. Lipscomb '90, '13 MEd, '25 MEd Dr. Kristy N. Somerville-Midgette '00, '05 MEd Dr. Derrick L. Thompson '08
	<b>John G. Eccles Leadership Award</b> Mr. Jacob A. Clavijo '26
	<b>Kenneth R. Garren Award</b> Ms. Jenna Frazer '25, '27 MEd
	<b>M. Carey Brewer Alumni Award</b> Dr. Jennifer A. Jewell '10
	<b>Honorary Alumni Award</b> Dr. Robert L. Canida Ms. Sarah M. Rhodes

## Sunday, April 19

Time	Topic
10:30 - 2 p.m.	<b>Brunch in the Cafe</b> <i>Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center</i>  Go through the line and enjoy the cafeteria and see how it's changed since you were a student. Pay \$11.50 at the door.
11 a.m.	<b>Men's Tennis vs. Virginia Wesleyan</b> <i>EC Glass High School</i> <i>2111 Memorial Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24501</i>
11 a.m.	<b>Women's Tennis vs. Virginia Wesleyan</b> <i>EC Glass High School</i> <i>2111 Memorial Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24501</i>
TBA	<b>Men's Golf ODAC Championship</b> <i>Poplar Grove Golf Club</i> <i>129 Tavern Ln, Amherst, VA 24521</i>